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Tiller Puts Ohio State Game In Perspective

BY BRIAN NEUBERT

Each Sunday, *Gold & Black Illustrated* talks with Coach Joe Tiller following Saturday's game, getting his most recent thoughts on the contest after he's analyzed it on film.

Q: What would your team's strategy have been had Wisconsin missed that field, instead of having blocked and returned for the game-winning touchdown? Would you have played for the field goal?

Tiller: "We would have been more conservative. We would have played for the field goal and would have kicked it on third down.

"We might have thrown a bootleg pass, some sort of misdirection play where (Drew) Brees could throw the ball away if need be.

"The thing you don't want to do in an overtime — and we learned this a long time ago — is take a sack. In our opinion, you can't lose yardage, period. So you're going to try to run something that's going to produce positive yardage. Often times, second down is when you'd throw it off a misdirection play or a play-action pass.

"The biggest thing in overtime, though, is that you have the ball at the 25, and you'd like to think your kicker can make one from there."

Q: Why would you have kicked on third down?

Tiller: "We'd kick on third down because if he ever mishandled the snap or something else went wrong you'd have a chance to reload it and go again on fourth down.

"That happened once at Wyoming when we were playing San Diego State. Thank God we (kicked on third down), because the center dribbled the ball back there, and the holder, who was a real bright kid, scooped the ball up, stood up and spiked it for an incomplete pass. The ball came back to the line of scrimmage, we got to kick it again and we won the game."

Q: You've now won two games at Purdue thanks to blocked field goals. How did this compare to the home win over Michigan State in 1997?

Tiller: "I still think the game we had with Michigan State in '97 was as crazy as you'll ever see. To block a field goal and return it for a touchdown, then recover an on-side kick and score, come on.

"I don't know how often that happens, if it ever has."

Q: What stood out about the Wisconsin game after you watched it on film?

Tiller: "We won the game with the kicking game. That stands out more than anything else. I don't say that just in reference to the fact that we won the game on a blocked field goal, but this was our best game in the kicking game. We punted it extremely well. We had the one shank, but we pinned them inside the 10 four times. We went against a very dangerous kick returner (Nick Davis) and we were finally able to do some directional kicking. We had good snaps all day long and had good protection. We made a critical field goal and attempted just one.

"We did some very positive things offensively by throwing the ball over the top and some very positive things defensively with seven sacks. But I really think the kicking game was the difference in the game."

Q: What's defensive tackle Brent Botts' status? He didn't even make the trip after suffering an ankle injury at Northwestern.

Tiller: "Who knows? He didn't come in to see the trainer this morning, so I have no idea. I'd assume it hasn't changed."

Q: How did you think linebacker Landon Johnson played after recovering from a bad ankle?

Tiller: "He got a little more playing



Tom Campbell
Coach Joe Tiller thought Purdue's kicking game beat the Badgers.

time and played better. We're back home on grass next week, and AstroTurf is a little harder on an ankle than grass. He held up well. As a matter of fact, he came in to see the trainer this morning and he gave him a short, 20-minute treatment instead of an hour-and-a-half treatment. He's cleared full-go for practice, so hopefully we're completely out the woods with Landon."

Q: After hearing about your team's Rose Bowl chances constantly for the past week, do you expect that talk to get worse now that you're one game closer?

Tiller: "We're going to play a team with the same record as us (Ohio State) and with that will come a lot of speculation. I hope the players do a good job of focusing on the football game, and not everything on the periphery. They have so far, I think, but they can't avoid it totally, because our friends in the media continually bring it up to them.

"This is no bigger a game than any of the other ones we've played in the sense that had we not won last week, how could you say this week's game is bigger than last week's? I understand everyone's interest, but the reality is that they're all big games."

Q: Because you won the game, are you not concerned with the yardage Wisconsin amassed, as well as the individual performances of guys such as Michael Bennett, Chris Chambers and Jim Sorgi?

Tiller: "Not really, because winning the game is the bottom line. In our opinion, we gave up too many big plays in that game. We were guilty of poor tackling at times and hurt ourselves with some penalties. There are some things that concern you about the way we played the game, but that shouldn't distract from the fact that we did what we had to do in an overtime. No matter how tired you are, you have to find away to turn up the dial and take your game to a high intensity level than what you have been playing at, because of the sudden-death situation of overtime. We certainly did that." ***

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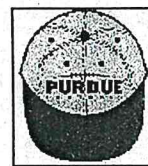
ON THE COVER

The play that set up the game-winning blocked field goal was this Akin Ayodele sack of Badger quarterback Jim Sorgi. The 10-yard loss forced the Badgers to attempt a 58-yard field goal on the first possession of overtime. For the second-straight week, the Boilermaker front registered seven sacks. Cover and 2000 University Spirit photos by Tom Campbell.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MADTOWN

MADISON, Wis. — Each time the words were spoken so appropriately and so to the point.

"Execute the offense."

"Be sound in your fundamentals."

"Relax, we've been in this position before."

"You've got to believe."

"Players make plays, and we've got players."

"We just need one more win."

All of these quotes are attributed to Coach Joe Tiller, stated at various times during the 30-24 Oct. 21 win at Wisconsin. I got to see this game from a different vantage point, thanks to a story I'm working on for a future issue.

I traveled to Madison with the equipment entourage to do a behind-the-scenes look at Purdue football. You know, the buckles, chinstraps, gloves and shoes of the 16th-ranked Boilermakers. While you won't get to read that narrative until a later issue, my sideline pass provided me an opportunity to see the game from a coach's and player's vantage point.

It's a totally different viewpoint from the turf of Camp Randall Stadium than the press-box high above the Badger sideline. From this angle, it's much more difficult to see who

missed the blitzing linebacker, if a receiver could have caught a pass in the far corner or if a return specialist's foot is in bounds or not.

But it's a lot better at field level if you're wondering what Tiller tells his troops before, during and after a game.

I was amazed at how succinct Tiller was. Rarely did his talks take more than one or two minutes. Perhaps that's most effective with today's Generation X student-athletes. However, Tiller seems to have mastered the art of team talks. Trust me, when Coach talks, people listen.

"Execute the offense and be sound in your fundamentals," Tiller shouted just minutes before his 64 youngsters took the field. While that may sound nothing short of obvious, it couldn't have been more precise.

The Boilermakers had to run crisp routes and carry out their blocks to beat Wisconsin. That wasn't done to perfection in the first half. The defense wasn't completely sound in the opening 30 minutes, either, leaving a Badger receiver completely uncovered at one point. But that changed after half-time, too.



Down 14-7, and rather dazed, I heard, "Relax, we've been in this situation before." How true, how true.

Purdue exited stage right at intermission and received a spirited halftime pep talk. It was more about reemphasizing the initial speech rather than chewing tails or motivating. It was about the obvious.

All the Boilermakers needed to do was play their game.

And the second half had been kind to them the past two games, giving each and every player no reason to think it wouldn't be again Oct. 21.

Sure enough, Purdue stormed out of the gates to take a 24-17 lead by the midway point of the fourth quarter. But with just under four minutes remaining on the clock the pesky Badgers tied the game at 24. Would Purdue be able to win its first overtime game in its history (the other of which was a loss to Georgia)?

"Team, team, team," Tiller shouted with all his might.

The entire group of kids in gold pants and white jerseys jumped off the bench and huddled around their leader. It was time for

Tiller to motivate his players for the upcoming extra session.

"You've got to believe," he said, bringing about a resounding "Hell yeah," from his squad.

"Players make plays, and we've got players," were the last words uttered before the captains headed to midfield for the coin toss.

Four snaps, four big plays, four different players.

Ralph Turner stopped Michael Bennett for zilch on first down. Ashante Woodyard batted down a Jim Sorgi-to-Chris Chambers potential touchdown pass on second. Akin Ayodele caused the one no-no (for Wisconsin) in an overtime session, a sack of Sorgi. And then, the block heard 'round the Midwest... a Craig Terrill 54-inch chest sticking itself in front of a Vitaly Pisetsky 58-yard field goal attempt, which was picked up and returned for a score by Woodyard.

Moments later, in a jubilant locker room, Tiller congratulated his team but cautioned them not to let their sniffers smell the roses.

"What did I tell you after last week's game?" he asked the team.

"Just win one more game," they responded in unison. "Just win one more game."

And the rest will take care of itself. **AW**

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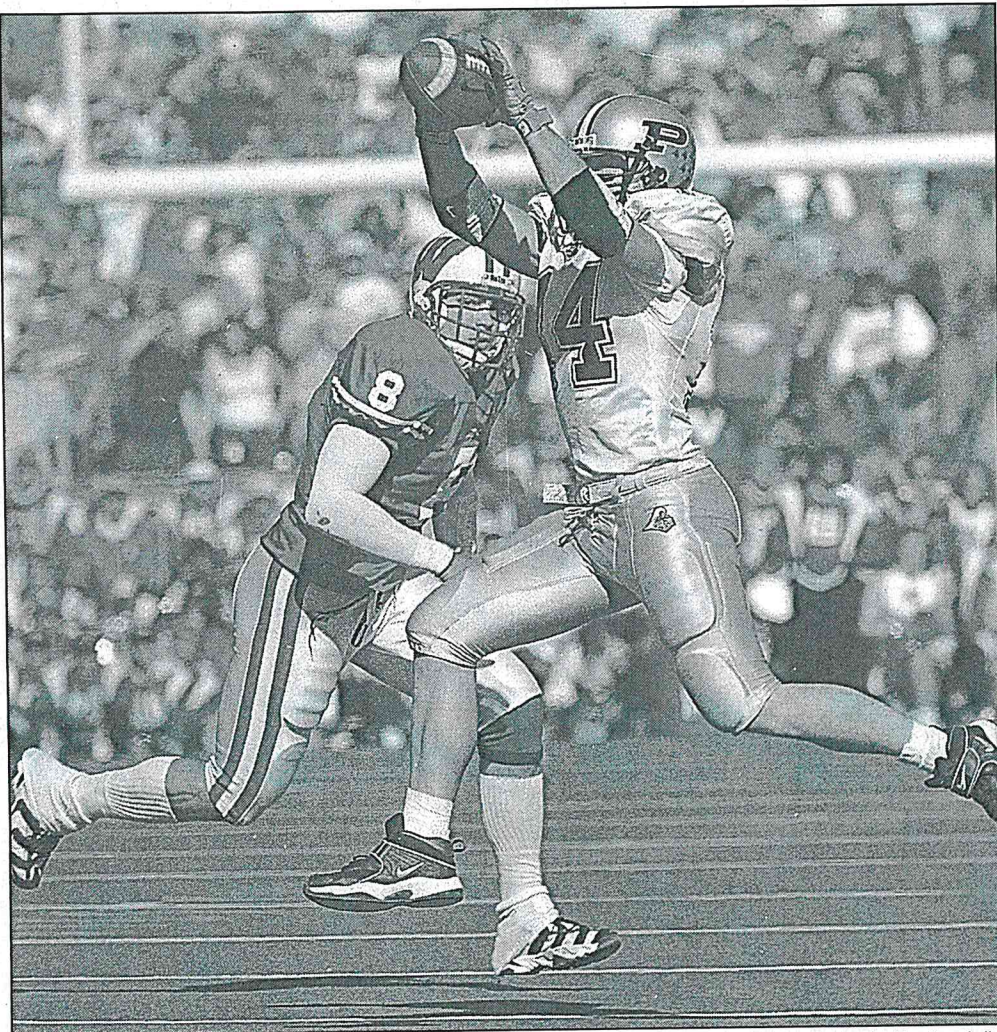
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WHAT A FINISH!

Boilermakers Claim Dramatic Overtime Victory



BY MATT BRANN

MADISON, Wis. — "What a game!"

That's how several Boilermakers described their thrilling 30-24 overtime victory over Wisconsin Oct. 28. And who can blame Purdue if it was excited, and a little lost for words.

With the score tied at 24, the teams entered overtime. But the Boilermakers quickly disposed of the Badgers. After forcing Wisconsin into a fourth-and-25 at its 40, the Badgers sent Vitaly Pisetsky in for a 58-yard field goal. But tackle Craig Terrill barreled through the line and blocked the kick. Cornerback Ashante Woodyard scooped it up, shook his way free from Wisconsin's holder and ran 36 yards for the game-winning score.

"What a way to win a game," Coach Joe Tiller said.

With the Boilers' potent offense and captain Drew Brees making the decision after Purdue won the toss, it was a wise move, but a little ironic that Purdue chose to play defense first. In the overtime format, each team gets possession at the opposing team's 25-yard line. After alternating possessions, if the score is still tied the process is repeated, but the order is flipped.

But Terrill and Woodyard didn't let the format get any further. The duo's heroics sent the Boilermakers (6-2 overall, 4-1 in the Big Ten) into a delirious celebration in the corner of the end zone, as the 79,048 fans were shocked at what had just happened to their Badgers (4-4, 1-4).

Senior receiver Vinny Sutherland was kept out of the end zone for the first time since the season opener, but still managed a team-high five receptions.

"It was a heck of a win for Purdue," Tiller said. "I like the overtime situation, particularly when you win. We won it because we had some guys who made some big plays near the end of the game and in overtime."

On Wisconsin's first play in OT, sophomore safety Ralph Turner stopped Badger back Michael Bennett in his tracks for no gain. It was a huge tackle against the Wisconsin speedster, who gained 188 yards on the day.

On second down, Woodyard and freshman safety Stuart Schweigert combined to deflect a pass from quarterback Jim Sorgi to wideout Chris Chambers. The senior receiver had 11 receptions for 173 yards, but like his fellow big playmaker, he couldn't produce in overtime.

"I didn't want to get beat deep on that play, because Wisconsin had been testing us deep all game," said Schweigert, who led all players with 12 tackles. "I came over to help Ashante and we both made a play on the ball."

"We knew going into overtime that the offense put us out there because they knew we could stop Wisconsin. They had a lot of confidence in us. We had to step up for them and get a big stop."

Following a third down procedure penalty, junior defensive end Akin Ayodele blew past the left tackle and sacked Sorgi for a 10-yard loss. It was Ayodele's third sack of the day and the team's seventh.

"One of the things our coaches stressed was getting a sack in overtime because it would force them into a long field goal," Ayodele said. "I got off the ball well and it felt great to get that sack."

On fourth down, Barry Alvarez and the Badgers had two choices: throw a Hail Mary pass or attempt a 58-yard field goal. They chose the latter, and Purdue knew Pisetsky had the leg to boot the ball through the uprights. He kicked his career-long of 54 yards against the Boilermakers last year.

"That guy is a good kicker," Tiller said. "We were very nervous about the kick because we thought he had the ability to make it. Rather than bring something off the edge, we thought

Who's HOT

Though Akin Ayodele and the Boilermaker defensive front combined for seven sacks, freshman safety Stuart Schweigert continues to impress. He led the Boilermakers in tackles for the second straight week. With 12 stops added to Schweigert's totals, he's now the team's leading tackler. Although a rookie, the 6-3, 200-pounder is playing like a veteran. With continued solid play, Schweigert will be a finalist for Big Ten Rookie-of-the-Year honors. Problem is, he may have to beat out classmate John Standeford for the award.



Tom Campbell

Ayodele tallied one of his game-high three sacks in the first half.

No one had a poor enough game to single an individual out, unless it's the long snapper for the Badgers. He got trampled by defensive tackle Craig Terrill on the field goal block that won the game.

Who's NOT

NO HIDE SCOOP

The Boilermakers were prepared to mix their standard 4-3 defense up a bit to stop Wisconsin's running game, but with quarterback Jim Sorgi so effective in the passing game, Purdue remained in its 4-3 formation.

We'd be anxious to exorcise the demons with the rematch against Ohio State. For far too long, the knock against Purdue was it couldn't beat the Big Ten's big boys. Here's a chance to go 3-for-4 in 2000. The Boilermakers should have defeated the Buckeyes in Columbus last year and now it's time for revenge.



KEEP YOUR EYES ON

A.T. Simpson made a huge touchdown catch, the second of his career, and it might be the grab needed to take him to the next level. Simpson, at 6-4, 222 pounds, has already proven he's the team's best blocking wide receiver, but a 30-yard score at Wisconsin should be a huge boost for his confidence.

we would bring an inside push to make sure our edge players were alert for any possible fake, but I didn't think they would fake it."

With Terrill, Aydoele and tackle Matt Vittrione charging through the line, Terrill came ree through a right-side crease, knocked the ong snapper on his rear and nearly swallowed he ball as Pisetsky kicked it.

"I was just trying to get the guard stood up," said Terrill, a redshirt freshman. "I don't even know what happened, but I came through scot-free. The center never touched me. I felt the ball hit me right in the chest and I saw Ashante pick it up and run to the end zone. It was amazing."

Woodyard was coming from the right end. When Terrill blocked the kick, it bounced nearly 15 yards toward the Wisconsin end zone. Woodyard bent down, scooped it up and broke free from holder Kevin Stemke then raced down the sideline as his jubilant teammates gave chase.

"(Stemke) was right on me as soon as I got the ball because I had to gather it," Woodyard said. "I knew I had to break the tackle and get into the end zone. In my mind I knew I wasn't going down."

The victory keeps Purdue atop the Big Ten standings and in control of its chase for the Rose Bowl. But it also gives the Boilermakers some needed confidence in a couple of areas.

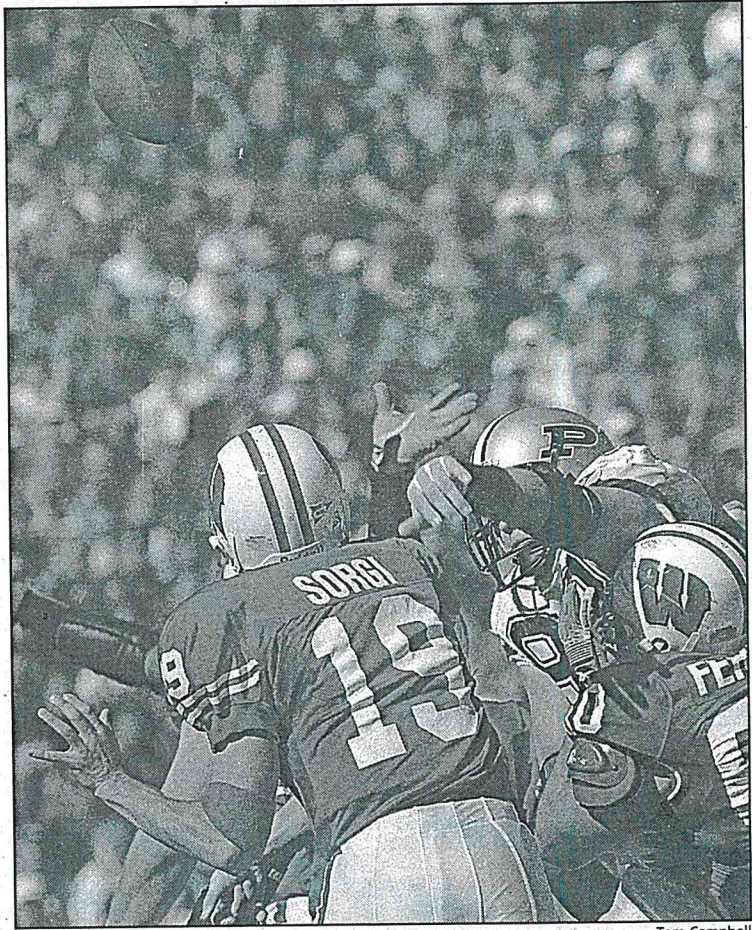
Purdue's struggles on special teams have been well documented, so to win in dramatic fashion on special teams for the second time in three games should erase some doubts about that unit. Kicker Travis Dorsch nailed a game-winning 33-yard field goal to defeat Michigan 32-31 just two weeks earlier.

"It's about time something on special teams went our way, isn't it?" quarterback Drew Brees asked jokingly. "We've been on the other end of so many of these. Now you can't ever say special teams never did anything for us."

The victory was also Purdue's second straight road win. The Boilermakers were beginning to get a reputation as a poor team away from Ross-Ade Stadium, but wins at Northwestern and Wisconsin should silence some doubters.

"This game proves that we're a team that can win on the road," said sophomore running back Montrell Lowe, who led the Boilers with 77 yards rushing on 13 carries. "When you hear all the time that Purdue can't win on the road, you can get to the point where you start believing that. Now, we have proven to ourselves that if we play hard and play for 60 minutes, the game can swing our way."

Purdue had to swing things in its favor after getting off to a slow start once again. After each team traded four punts, Wisconsin put together an eight-play, 70-yard drive capped by



Tom Campbell

Junior defensive tackle Matt Mittrione blocks a Jim Sorgi pass in the first half. On the game the Purdue defensive line deflected two passes, while the Badger defensive line tipped four Drew Brees attempts. In his first collegiate start, Sorgi was brilliant, completing 21-of-29 passes for 243 yards and two scores.

BOILER BITS

SACK ATTACK

The Boilermaker defense continues to put intense pressure on opposing quarterbacks. Purdue notched seven sacks for minus 48 yards against the Badgers. Wisconsin entered the game with 27 sacks allowed, good for ninth in the Big Ten.

But the Boilermakers have been getting to other quarterbacks with regularity. The seven sacks against the Badgers marked the second straight contest Purdue has tallied seven sacks. The Boilermakers had seven for minus 44 yards Oct. 14 at Northwestern. Purdue now has 27 sacks on the season, 11 shy of the school's all-time record, set in 1989.

Junior Alkin Ayodele leads Purdue with six sacks, thanks to a trio against Wisconsin. Ayodele, who began the season as a linebacker but has since moved back to end, led the Boilermakers in sacks last season with 11.

"I think we're playing faster and with more emotion," Ayodele said. "Our front seven is quicker than most offensive lines we face, and we use that to our advantage. We go against our offensive line every day and that's our biggest help."

INJURY UPDATE

Redshirt freshman linebacker Landon Johnson played at Wisconsin after missing most of the past two games with an injured ankle. Johnson didn't start against the Badgers, but received extensive playing time, especially in the second half. He finished the game with four stops, including one for a loss.

"I was feeling pretty good out there," Johnson said. "I think playing on turf actually helped my ankle because there weren't any dips in the surface, plus it made me faster. I'm not quite at 100 percent, but hopefully this upcoming week I'll be at full strength."

In other injury news, senior defensive tackle Brent Botts did not make the trip to Madison after suffering a muscle strain in his stomach against Northwestern. Senior defensive end Warren Moore saw action after hurting his elbow against the Wildcats. In addition, sophomore backup center Max Miller tore the posterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will miss the remainder of the season. Surgery is not performed on this type of injury.

BOILERMAKERS' NEW BLOCKER

For the second straight game, quarterback Drew Brees unleashed a crushing block on a run by Montrell Lowe. Coach Joe Tiller admitted he doesn't like to see his standout signal caller lowering his shoulder to level defenders.

"He's a courageous guy and doesn't shy away from contact. He's such an unselfish guy, if he sees a way for us to make another first down, touchdown or win a game, Drew Brees is going to do it."

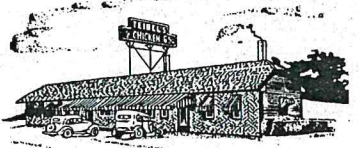
After throwing a block against Northwestern, Brees followed that up with a highlight-reel cut block against Badger free safety Jason Doering. In fact, Doering limped off the field after the play, showing pain and frustration for being wiped out by the quarterback.

"It's just a play where I hand Montrell the ball and boot out," Brees said. "I really carry out my fakes and get down field, just in case there's a situation I can throw a block and help spring Montrell for a bigger gain. You've got to do what you've got to do, right? We were able to get a big play off it."

NEXT TEST

The Boilermakers return home to face Ohio State at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 28. The Buckeyes, tied with Purdue at 4-1 in the Big Ten, are coming off a 38-10 victory Oct. 21 over Iowa. For more on Ohio State, see pages 18, 21-22.

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Brees' Numbers Vs. The Big Boys*

	Big Boys	Rest Of Opponents
Record	2-7	20-4
Completion %	58.8	63.0
TD Passes	12	71
Interceptions	10	27

*Penn State, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio State
Note: Brees has averaged 326 yards passing per game in the nine games.

a 28-yard scoring strike from Sorgi to Chambers seconds into the second quarter.

It was Sorgi's second touchdown of his young career. The freshman was starting in place of Brooks Bollinger, who suffered a mild concussion against Michigan State the week before. Sorgi, however, played like a veteran, completing 21-of-29 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns.

"We knew coming in Sorgi was a great quarterback," Schweigert said. "I know him personally because we both played high school football in Michigan. I thought he did an excellent job out there."

Purdue responded with a long drive of its own. The 12-play, 77-yard drive lasted 4:57, giving the defense some much-needed rest after being on the field for more than 10 minutes in the first quarter.

Brees was 6-of-8 passing on the drive for 76 yards, including a 30-yard scoring strike to junior A.T. Simpson, converting on third-and-15.

Wisconsin came right back, thanks to Chambers and Bennett. Chambers caught a pair of passes for 42 yards, and Bennett then carried twice, including a 33-yard scoring scamper in which he broke four tackles to give the Badgers a 14-7 lead with 8:29 remaining in the second quarter.

The run was typical of Bennett's day. He was bottled up several times, but Purdue's defense simply couldn't contain the blazer every time he touched the ball.

"He's a great runner," said Schweigert, who likely registered more than half his 12 tackles on Bennett. "We knew we had to try and make him run east and west instead of north and south. When he got in the open field I knew I had to get him down to keep him from breaking a long run."

The Boilermakers trailed 14-7 at halftime, but the third quarter belonged to Brees. He directed the offense downfield for a touchdown on its first possession, as Brees jogged in for the score from six yards out.

Then on the Boilermakers' second possession, Brees etched his name in the Big Ten record books once again. The Austin, Texas, native threw a 78-yard touchdown to sophomore Seth Morales, giving Purdue a 21-17 lead and Brees the Big Ten record for career passing yards. Iowa's Chuck Long held the previous record with 10,461 yards. Brees now owns a total of 12 career school and Big Ten passing marks.

On the record-setting play, Brees pumped, then unleashed a bomb over the middle to Morales, who had beaten free safety Jason Doering and cornerback Jamar Fletcher, who came over to help and nearly made a diving play on the ball.

"It's exhilarating," said Morales, who scored his first touchdown as a Boiler just one day before his 21st birthday. I hadn't scored a touchdown yet. I've caught some short passes, but everything paid off. Drew told me he was going to get me in the end zone, and it's a good feeling."

The Boilermaker quarterback said the way

Wisconsin's safeties were playing close to the line of scrimmage, it forced Purdue to throw the ball deep. Brees also admitted that he planned to pick on Doering after seeing the senior put on a knee brace after he was injured on a cut block by Brees on the prior possession.

"That was one of the reasons I was thinking about that post over the middle, because I saw that he put a knee brace on and was limping around," said Brees, who completed 21-of-43 passes for 274 yards and a pair of touchdowns. "I hated that he had to go out of the game when I cut him, because he's a great player. I didn't mean to hurt his knee."

A Travis Dorsch 44-yard field goal gave Purdue a 24-17 cushion, but Wisconsin put together a game-tying drive late in the fourth quarter that culminated on a 5-yard pass from

Sorgi to tight end John Sigmund.

The touchdown was the only meaningful drive the Badgers were able to must in the second half against a Purdue defense that seems to play much better after halftime.

"We've got to stop being a second-half defense," Mitrione said. "My three offside really put us in a bind, but I'm glad our team could come back and responded to that."

The Boilermakers did answer any adversity thrown their way. Despite playing in front of a hostile crowd and playing from behind for much of the game, Purdue was able to dispose of the pesky Badgers. It was considered a benchmark win for Purdue's program and its season.

"If we had any chance of doing anything this season," Schweigert said, "we knew we had to go through Wisconsin."

Now, however, the road to Pasadena runs through West Lafayette. Ohio State will attempt to derail the Boilermakers, but Purdue plans to be ready for the biggest game between teams battling for the Rose Bowl at Ross-Ade Stadium since 1965, when sixth-ranked Purdue lost to No. 2 Michigan State with a clear-cut path to Pasadena on the line.

"I'm sure it's going to be crazy," Brees said. "This is definitely the biggest game in Coach Tiller's era here and my time here. If we can get this one against a very talented opponent in Ohio State, not only will it do wonders for us as far as more confidence, it will keep the train moving along." **MM**

Game Stats

Purdue vs. Wisconsin

Rushing

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Lowe	13	77	5.9	40	0
	Brees	11	74	6.7	25	1
	Sutherland	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
	Team	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
Total		26	145	5.6	40	1

Wisconsin	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Bennett	28	188	6.7	33	1
	Kuhns	2	5	2.5	3	0
	Sorgi	12	-35	-2.9	5	0
Total		42	158	3.8	33	1

Passing

Purdue	Player	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int
	Brees	43	21	274	48.8	2	0
Total		43	21	274	48.8	2	0

Wisconsin	Player	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int
	Sorgi	29	21	243	72.4	2	0
Total		29	21	243	72.4	2	0

Receiving

Purdue	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Sutherland	5	42	8.4	12	0
	Standeford	4	25	6.3	9	0
	Simpson	3	52	17.3	30	1
	Stratton	3	18	6.0	10	0
	Morales	2	93	46.5	78	1
	Brown	2	22	11.0	20	0
	Randolph	1	12	12.0	12	0
	Dawson	1	10	10.0	10	0
Total		21	274	13.0	78	2

Wisconsin	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Chambers	11	173	15.7	31	1
	Davis	3	22	7.2	8	0
	Anelli	2	19	9.5	11	0
	Sigmund	2	14	7.0	9	1
	Evans	2	13	6.5	9	0
	Kuhns	1	2	2.0	2	0
Total		21	243	11.6	31	2

Punt Returns

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Winston	1	6	6.0	6	0
	Sutherland	1	5	5.0	5	0
Total		2	11	5.5	6	0

Wisconsin	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Davis	1	3	3.0	3	0

Kickoff Returns

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	Td
	Sutherland	2	48	24.0	30	0
Total		2	48	24.0	30	0

Wisconsin	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	Td
	Davis	4	93	23.3	38	0

Field Goals

Purdue	Player	Att	Good	Made	Miss
	Dorsch	1	1	44	—
Total		1	1	44	—

Wisconsin	Player	Att	Good	Made	Miss
	Pisetsky	2	1	35	58

Punting

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
	Kurz	7	246	35.1	54
Total		7	246	35.1	54

Wisconsin	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
	Stemke	6	275	45.8	59
Total		6	275	45.8	59

Scoring Summary

Second Quarter

Wis: Chambers 28 pass from Sorgi (Pisetsky kick)
14:34 left; Drive: 8 plays, 70 yards, 3:18

Purdue: Simpson 30 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick)
9:37 left; Drive: 12 plays, 77 yards, 4:57

Wis: Bennett 33 run (Pisetsky kick) 8:29 left;
Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, 1:08

Third Quarter

Purdue: Brees 6 run (Dorsch kick) 12:33 left;
Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, 2:27

Wis: Pisetsky 35 field goal, 6:37 left; Drive: 10 plays,
60 yards, 5:56

Purdue: Morales 78 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick)
5:40 left; Drive: 2 plays, 80 yards, 0:57

Fourth Quarter
Purdue: Dorsch 44 field goal, 7:56 left; Drive: 7 plays, 41 yards, 2:40
Wis: Sigmund 5 pass from Sorgi (Pisetsky kick) 3:50 left; Drive: 8 plays, 62 yards, 4:06

Over Time	Purdue: Woodyard 36 missed field goal return
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Team Statistics

Category	Purdue	Wis
First downs	19	24
Rushing	5	11
Passing	12	11
Penalty	2	2
Total offensive plays	69	71
Rushing plays	26	42
Net yards rushing	145	158
Net yards per rush	5.6	3.8
Passing plays	43	29
Completions	21	21
Nets yards passing	274	243
Net yards per completion	13.0	11.6
Total net yards	419	401
Avg. gain per play	6.1	5.6
Kick returns-yds	2-48	4-93
Punt returns-yds	2-11	1-3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Interceptions by-yds	0-0	0-0
Third down conversion	9-17	4-15
Time of possession	27:22	32:38
Sacks by-yds lost	7-48	0-0
Penalties-yds	7-55	7-46

Defensive Leaders

Purdue	Player	Tackles	Asst	Total	For Loss-Yds	FR-Yds	Int	Pass Def	Sack-Yds
	Schweigert	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	0
	Ayodele	6	3	9	4-25	1-5	0	0	3-22
	Turner	4	4	8	1-1	0	0	0	0
	Odum	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0
	Gardner	3	3	6	1-13	0	0	0	1-13
	Mitrione	3	2	5	1-6	0	0	1	1-6
	Woodyard	3	2	5	0	0-0	0	2	0
	Johnson	2	2	4	1-1	0	0	0	0
	Clopton	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	0
	Phillips	2	0	2	1-1	0	0	1	1-1
	Dorsch	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Loerzel	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Reeves	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Ferrell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Terrill	1	0	1	1-6	0	0	0	1-6
	Upshur	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Moore	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Koutouvides	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total		39	34	73	10-53	1-5	0	5	7-48

Wisconsin (top five)	Player	Tackles	Asst	Total	For Loss-Yds	FR-Yds	Int	Pass Def	Sack-Yds
	Knight	8	3	11	0	0	0	1	0
	Doering	4	2	6	1-1	0	0	0	0
	Herbert	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Griesen	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Boese	3	2	5	1-3	0	0	3	0
Total		48	28	76	4-22	1-0	1-18	3	1-3

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Badgers Shocked By Final Play

BY BRIAN NEUBERT

It's easy to second-guess Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez's decision to attempt a field goal in overtime of his team's 30-24 loss to Purdue Oct. 21.

But it would be a dramatic understatement to say his options were limited.

With his team backed up to the Purdue 40-yard line and facing fourth-and-long, Alvarez elected to send kicker Vitaly Pistesky onto the field to attempt a desperation 58-yard field goal. After a high snap, however, the kick came flat off Pistesky's foot, was blocked and returned for the game-winning touchdown.

"There are two choices," Alvarez said. "You can throw it up on fourth down or kick with the wind at your back. Neither one of them is very good, but you have to pick one."

The bizarre circumstances of the loss continued a frustrating season for the Badgers, the two-time defending Rose Bowl Champions. With the loss, Wisconsin dropped to 1-4 in the Big Ten and saw their hopes of making a bowl game severely hampered. The 4-4 Badgers must now win three of their remaining four to secure a postseason berth.

The nightmarish ending made the loss even more painful for Alvarez.

"This is not a fun way to lose," he said, "but in this game, nothing surprises me anymore."

Needing overtime to decide this game certainly shouldn't have surprised the Badgers. Purdue and Wisconsin had played tight, hard-fought contests the past two seasons, and the Badgers had already played in two overtime games this season (beating Cincinnati and losing to Northwestern).

Wisconsin defensive tackle Wendell Bryant would just as soon play another overtime game again.

"Overtime is no friend of ours," Bryant said. "But that goes back to us. We can't let it get to overtime. We can't make mistakes."

"If we go to overtime, it's our fault. And when we go to overtime, we've got to make up for the mistakes we made, because then it's really crunch time."

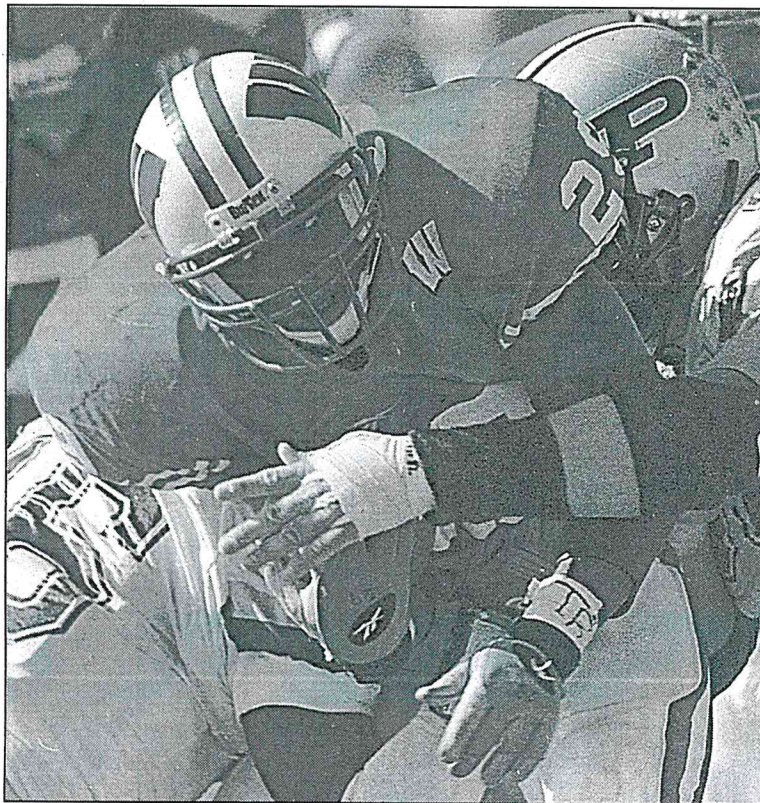
Tight Mark Anelli echoed Bryant's sentiments, but seemed more disheartened.

"It's heartbreaking," Anelli said. "We've been in so many close games this season and we've lost a couple of them now."

"I hate overtime right now. It's just killing me."

Following two Badgers wins in the past two seasons, which the Boilermakers dominated statistically, this time it was Wisconsin that won the battle of the box score.

The Badgers held statistical advantages in first downs, rushing yardage and time of



Tom Campbell
Junior Michael Bennett rushed for 188 yards for Wisconsin, the second-highest total against Purdue in the Joe Tiller Era.

possession, while fighting the high-flying Boilers to a virtual standstill in passing and total offense.

Wisconsin's offensive efficiency came via tremendous performances from three players: redshirt freshman quarterback Jim Sorgi, junior running back Michael Bennett and senior wide receiver Chris Chambers.

Sorgi, making his first career start in place of sophomore Brooks Bollinger, finished the game with better all-around statistics than Boilermaker counterpart Drew Brees.

Sorgi completed 21-of-29 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns, sparking a potential quarterback controversy in Madison.

The rookie signal-caller was satisfied with his performance, for the most part.

"You always want more points than the other team at the end," Sorgi said. "To put up numbers like this is nice, but it would have been nicer if the numbers on the scoreboard were higher on our side."

Sorgi's performance left Alvarez with at least one thing to smile about after the painful defeat.

"The quarterback situation, as far as I'm

concerned, is the best we've ever had here, because I've got two guys I can trust."

Chambers was the prime benefactor of Sorgi's outstanding debut. The senior receiver has been slowed all season by suspension and injury, but seemed to finally hit his stride against the Boilermakers, catching 11 passes for 173 yards, including a 28-yard touchdown.

"But I'd rather have three catches and win," Chambers said.

Bennett, the nation's second-leading rusher coming in, ran for 188 yards, including a 33-yard touchdown. He was yet another dejected Badger after the game.

"We lost the game, so I don't really have any words about how many yards I had," Bennett said.

In overtime, Wisconsin's offense fell apart, moving backwards with the first possession of the extra session.

"We didn't play very well in overtime," Alvarez said. "We didn't give ourselves a chance."

Purdue's offense didn't even get a chance in OT. It didn't need one, as the special teams took care of things.

"You don't think you could ever lose like that," Bryant said. ■■

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Thank You Defense

Offense Finally Gets Over The Hump, Beats Wisconsin

BY KEVIN KECKLER

MADISON, Wis. — Following are offensive coordinator Jim Chaney's thoughts following the Boilermakers' victory Oct 21 at Wisconsin.

GBI: This has to be a gratifying win for you.

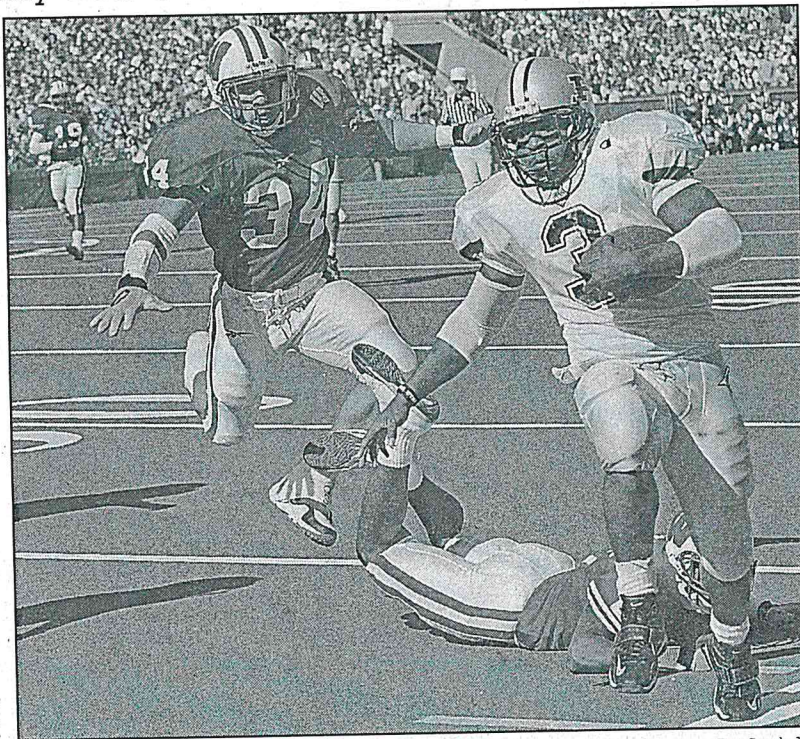
Chaney: "I have said this before and I'll say it again, Wisconsin's defense is the most disciplined, hard-nosed group we face year-in and year-out. While we'd love to score 50 points, we still got 24 and that's saying something. We're tickled because we got more points than they did. They just create problems for us offensively and force us into doing things we're not accustomed to doing. Wisconsin came ready to play today and gave us a battle. My hat is off to our guys because we found a way to win the football game."

GBI: Do you realize you just defeated the two-time defending Rose Bowl Champions?

Chaney: "I realize that and I also realize they've had their troubles up here this year with suspensions and stuff, but I think they were as close to full strength today as they've been all year. They were coming off a big road victory a week ago and we beat a good Wisconsin team today."

GBI: More than anything, your team needed to win a game in a hostile environment like Camp Randall Stadium, right?

Chaney: "There's no question. We couldn't hear ourselves think out there and I think we really only had one major screw-up on the bad snap."



Tom Campbell

Purdue had just 24 yards rushing in the first half before Montrell Lowe busted this 40-yard run on the first possession of the second quarter. Four plays later, the Boilermakers knotted the score at 14 on a six-yard run by quarterback Drew Brees.

GBI: The offense didn't get off to a fast start, but you've got a group of experienced veterans who were composed and on a mission in the third quarter.

Chaney: "I think we accomplished a couple of things. First, we did not have negative yardage plays and that's extremely important in an environment like this. Communication was such a big part of it and we were able to work well with one another. We ran the ball OK today and the key was to run efficiently, regardless of how many yards we gained. We knew they were going to take away our quick game and we'd have to throw the ball down field to our No. 2 receivers. Both of those guys — A.T. Simpson and Seth Morales — stepped up big time. Our goals coming into the game were achieved and the kids we needed to play big did."

GBI: What happened in the first half that made you want to throw the ball deep in the second half?

Chaney: "Their safeties were sitting on everything underneath and basically saying, 'You can't throw underneath.' But, that's what we do... we're an underneath throwing team. So at halftime we talked about taking some chances and throwing deep. I still don't like to do that because I'm pretty hardheaded, unless there's a time and a place to do it. There was in this game so we did. When we threw it deep we had quite a bit of success."

GBI: That was quite a pass Drew Brees threw to Seth Morales for a 78-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Chaney: "He had all day to set up and wing it and he delivered. Drew Brees is one

"You can line all the other star quarterbacks up and everyone else can have whoever they want, I'll take No. 15 every time."

— Offensive coordinator Jim Chaney

great football player and you can't say enough about him."

GBI: Brees threw an incredible block on Jason Doering on Montrell Lowe's 40-yard run. It knocked free safety Jason Doering out of the game and showed what a team player Brees is.

Chaney: "I think if you want to talk about awards and things, watch Drew hand the ball off, spring down the field and throw a big-time block. He's done it three times now this year, making the key block on a long run. I challenge you to find another quarterback in the country who has done that and has the ability to make the block. He is a fierce competitor and will do whatever it takes to win. You can line all the other star quarterbacks up and everyone else can have whoever they want, I'll take No. 15 every time."

GBI: What went wrong on your last drive of regulation?

Chaney: "We thought we could have better field position but we were pinned back on the 12-yard line. We decided to go for it and try a couple of plays to see how far downfield we could get. Then, if it worked we were going to go for a field goal. The first pass Drew had to scramble. Then we got 12 or 13 yards on a pass and they showed their hand by not calling any time-outs. By then we were in a bind and we opted to take our chances in overtime. If I had to do it again, I would just have taken a knee."

GBI: What was your game plan heading into overtime?

Chaney: "I had written down four different plans and I hadn't made up my mind which one I would go with. I was looking through our calls through the game to figure out which plays had been the best all day and we were going to start with that."

GBI: Do you practice overtime situations each week?

Chaney: "No, we just go with our red zone offense and treat it the same way. I will say this about overtime, I don't get to watch our defense much during the game but when the ball was blocked I was hoping it would bounce right into Ashante (Woodyard's) hands so he could take it to the house. I was so thankful we didn't have to go back out there."

GBI: You've got to be chomping at the bit for revenge against Ohio State, right?

Chaney: "I don't know about that. I know any time you lose a game you want to lineup and go at it again the next day, regardless of the opponent. To play Ohio State, a traditionally rich program, is a great test because they're sitting atop our league in first place. I'm glad it's at home because it will be a highly-energized game and a terrific challenge for our team." ■■



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Standing Tall When It Counts Most

Defense Comes Up With Big Plays In Overtime

BY KEVIN KECKLER

MADISON, Wis. — Following are defensive coordinator Brock Spack's thoughts following the Boilermakers' overtime victory at Wisconsin Oct. 21.

GBI: Beating Wisconsin has to be a sweet feeling.

Spack: "We've come close to beating these guys, but we weren't able to get it done so to finally beat such a great program is a great feeling. They play great defense here (at home) so we knew we were going to have to play tough. For the third week in a row we were a little rocky in the first half but the kids came back settled down and played much better in the second half. We did what we had to do to win the game and I'm very proud of them."

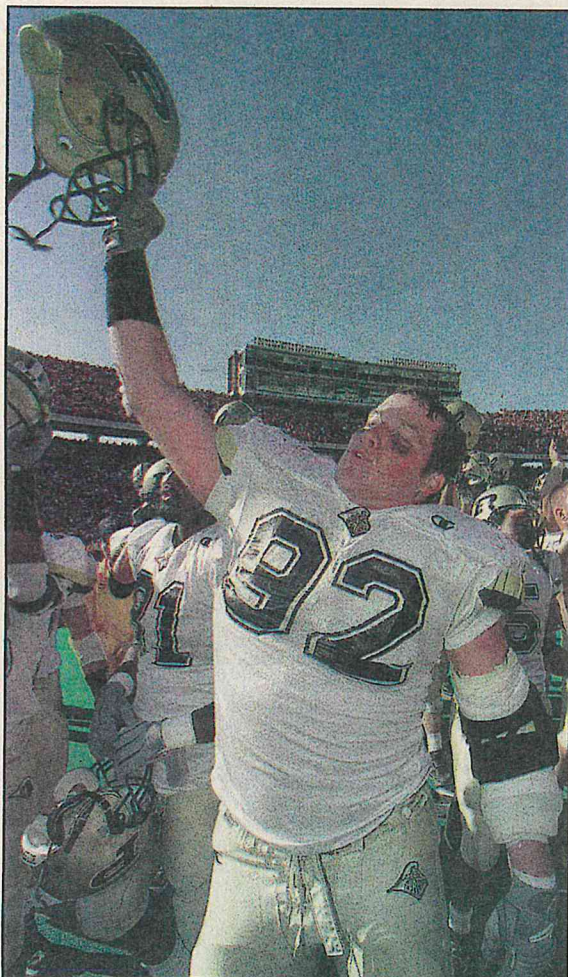
GBI: Is this one of the best feelings you've had since returning to Purdue?

Spack: "Yeah, especially when you come back and win it this way. To get a tackle for a loss and a sack in overtime which forced them to kick that long field goal was terrific. Those were huge plays for such a young defense. The goal is to build on this and get better for next week. This certainly was fun, though."

GBI: Junior Akin Ayodele really looked to be at his best today playing end. He had three sacks, including the important one in overtime.

Spack: "Having him on the perimeter is huge. We were hoping Joe Odom would be able to come back and make some plays so we could move Akin back to end and that's worked out so far. There is no question that in the style defense we play the ends are very important. We've had good ends here before and I think we're building a tradition at the end position."

GBI: Although Landon Johnson started the game, he had to come out in the first half with the sore ankle. However, he returned and played the entire second half, which real-



Tom Campbell

Craig Terrill is fast becoming a force on the Boilermakers' defensive line. Not only did he block the field goal on the game's final play, but he was credited with a forced fumble and a sack.

ly seemed to be important.

Spack: "Landon can run and can recover. I like having Jason (Loerzel) around, too, because he's so experienced. If Landon is struggling either physically or mentally, Jason can be ready to play. Landon played well again today and I just want him to get healthy. The two players complement each other so well. I think Landon is turning the corner. There's some stiffness and soreness, but if he keeps up his rehab, he should be fine. I was worried about the turf, but he played well."

GBI: Michael Bennett is such a tough back because of his speed and physical nature, but did you feel your guys did a good job containing him despite his 188 yards?

Spack: "He is tough and unfortunately we missed a tackle on his long touchdown run in the first half. We were probably in the wrong defense on that one and that's our fault as coaches. Those things happen and you just have to recover. Once he gets behind you it's just about over."

GBI: You didn't have to face normal starter Brooks Bollinger at quarterback, but the redshirt freshman Jim Sorgi played well.

Spack: "I thought he was very good. We didn't change things much. They did run the option some which kind of surprised me because he's not as fast as Bollinger. They ran just about everything they normally would except quarterback draws."

GBI: Chris Chambers had a big day receiving for Wisconsin. How much of that was the Badgers' execution as opposed to the matchup with Chris Clopton?

Spack: "Well, he's a big, physical receiver. Chris had him covered pretty well but on that touchdown they just threw it up and his height advantage was too much for us. People need to remember they're on scholarship, too, and they've got good players. At this point of the season teams have ways to get off to fast starts because of watching so much film, so you have to come out ready to play and make the proper adjustments at halftime."

GBI: It had to be frustrating for you to watch Matt Mittrione continually jump offsides in the game. How do you control a guy with such a fast motor?

Spack: "We spoke too soon because one of our coaches said in our staff meeting (two days prior to the game) that Mittrione hadn't jumped offsides since the Notre Dame game. I said, 'Oh no, you shouldn't have said that.' I

"The goal is to build on this and get better for next week. This certainly was fun, though."

— Defensive coordinator Brock Spack

love Matt on Saturdays because he just plays so hard. He will give you everything he has so you take the good with the bad. That's what you get with such high-intensity guys."

GBI: Your front four played extremely well again today tallying seven sacks. Then tackle Craig Terrill blocks the kick in overtime for the win. Talk about the play you're getting up front.

Spack: "They're playing very well and we challenged them all week because Wisconsin's offensive front is so physical and tough. We wanted to see who was the tougher group by the end of the game and I think our guys came out on top. Our guys really responded well."

GBI: Obviously you want to take this one game at a time and lucky for you you only have to play the 12th-ranked Buckeyes next week.

Spack: "We'll take this one game at a time and not focus on the future. We've got a very proud program in Ohio State coming to our turf. This is a team we need to compete better against. I'm very eager to play Ohio State because we were just a few plays away from beating them last year." ■■■

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